

House Resolution No. 984

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her community; and

Whereas, Beatrice Ray of St. Louis, Missouri, has been selected to receive the prestigious 2003-2004 Lieutenant Governor's Service Award during a ceremony to be held in conjunction with Missouri Service Day on March 17, 2004, at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, Beatrice Ray is one of only eighteen participants who will be recognized for their significant contributions of service to their local community with awards in each age category as fellow citizens, young and old, gather at the statehouse to support their work and praise their achievements; and

Whereas, nominees for the 2003-2004 Lieutenant Governor's Service Awards must be active members of their community and participants or members of national service programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps/VISTA, and Learn & Serve America; and

Whereas, Beatrice Ray has compiled an enviable list of service to the Senior Corps program through her work with the St. Louis Foster Grandparent Program; and

Whereas, lovingly referred to as "Grandma Bea", Beatrice Ray has opened her heart to numerous children in St. Louis City and County through her patience and perseverance, and has encouraged others to make a difference in their communities by participating in the Foster Grandparent Program; and

Whereas, a remarkable woman who is truly committed to her community's children, Beatrice Ray has served a minimum of twenty hours a week at Southside Day Nursery, where she continues to impact the lives of many youngsters through her love, patience, and genuine concern for their well-being:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Beatrice Ray at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to others through service learning and service to her community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Beatrice Ray.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 984, adopted March 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker